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Dear Transit Agency:

State Funds Available for Rural Transit Capital Improvement Projects

The Budget Act of 2001 contains a Public Transportation Account (PTA) appropriation of \$18,000,000 for transit capital improvement projects that primarily serve rural areas.

Legislation to provide the funds was sponsored by Senator Wesley Chesbro with strong support from Governor Davis, who views this as an opportunity to provide for unmet rural transit needs, especially those of small rural transit service providers.

The funds, allocated by the Department as directed by the California Transportation Commission (CTC), will provide from 50 percent up to 90 percent of the project cost. The required match is determined based on the amount of TDA funds used for street and roads work over the last three fiscal years.

Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis, and are to be used to purchase, construct and rehabilitate transit facilities, vehicles, and equipment, including energy efficiency retrofits, and to purchase rights-of-way for transit systems. Applications will be scored using CTC-adopted evaluation criteria. Successful applicants will enter into a cooperative agreement with the Department. The Division of Mass Transportation will use the existing Master Agreement/Program Supplement process for these contracts.

December 28, 2001 is the deadline for submitting applications to the appropriate departmental District Transit Representative.

Eligible agencies can obtain information on applying for grant funds by contacting the Department's Rural Transit System Grant Program at (916) 657-3875, or by email at juan_guzman@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gale McIntyre".
GALE McINTYRE, Chief
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Attachments